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Docket No.: BLD92000047US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hanna et al.)
Serial No.: 09/891,032)
Filed: 06/25/2001) Group Art
For: COMPRESSED DATA TRANSMISSION OVER A) Unit: 2182
PLURALITY OF TRANSMISSION PATHS)

Examiner: Eron J. Sorrell

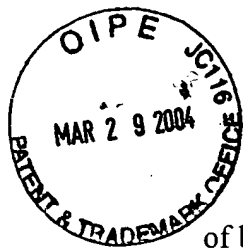
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Dear Sir:

This communication is sent responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 20, 2004. Initially, Applicants wishes to thank the Examiner for granting the Interview conducted on March 24, 2004.



In that interview, we discussed the proper interpretation of claim 1 wherein transmitting data of both the compressed and non-compressed data types over each of the plurality of transmission packs requires that they be both compressed data and non-compressed data and that there be two transmissions packs and that compressed data and non-compressed data be transmitted down each of the data paths. We discussed the fact that the cited prior art Terashima et al. did not contain such a teaching. Consequently, Applicant request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Respectfully submitted,

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